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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences

In re Patent Application of

NIGHTINGALE

Serial No. 10/764,495

Filed: January 27, 2004

Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PERFORMING HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE
CO-VERIFICATION TESTING



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Examiner: Alhija, Saif A.

Date: July 23, 2007

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicant hereby **appeals** to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences
from the last decision of the Examiner twice/finally rejecting \$500.00 (1401)/\$250.00 (2401) \$
applicant's claim(s).

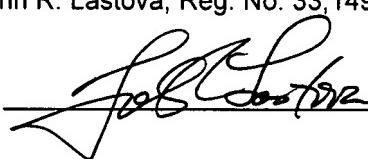
- An appeal **BRIEF** is attached in the pending appeal of the above-identified application. **FEE PREVIOUSLY PAID** \$ MAY 30, 2007. \$500.00 (1402)/\$250.00 (2402)
- Credit for fees paid in prior appeal without decision on merits -\$ ()
- Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief.
- Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s)
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Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension.
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account No. 14-1140**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief dated July 6, 2007,
Appellant respectfully submits that the Appeal Brief is compliant.

The notice states that “the summary of claimed subject matter does not map the independent claims on appeal, to the specification by page and line number and to the drawings, if any (claims 18 and 35).” This is simply not true. An extensive mapping of the claims is provided in the summary section of the brief. There is even a table mapping independent claim 1 onto an example non-limiting embodiment of the specification.

Specific pages, lines numbers, and figures are referred to in the table. At the top of page 7, the brief states “because independent method claim 18 is a method analog of apparatus claim 1 and independent computer product claim 35 is a computer product analog of apparatus claim 1, the mapping provided for claim 1 also applies.” Appellant sees no

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point in repeating the very same claim chart mapping for each of independent claims 18 and 35.

Accordingly, the Appeal Brief is compliant, and substantive consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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